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LENGTHY LETTER-TO-EDITOR IN INDEPENDENT NIGERIAN TRIBUNE  
(CIRCULATION 65,000) HEADLINED "AMERICA'S BIG BLUFF ON OIL  
COUNTRIES", CRITICIZES TRADE BLACKLIST AGAINST  
OPEC MEMBERS, DECLARES U.S. "A HOSTILE NATION."

IN SIGNED LETTER TWO NIGERIANS SAY: "WE CONSIDER THE  
PRESENT AMERICAN OFFESIVE AS THE GREATEST INSULT NOT ONLY TO  
NIGERIA BUT ALSO TO AFRICA.. FOR A LONG TIME NOW AMERICA HAS  
BEEN INVOLVED IN A TERRIBLE CAMPAIGN OF CALUMNY AGAINST NIGERIA..  
THE ANNOYING INSULT HEWED ONOUR HEAD OF STATE.. WHEN HE VISITED  
THE UNITED STATES.. SOME TWO YEARS AGO IS ALSO A CASE IN POINT..

"IF THE C.I.A. HAS SUCCEDED IN MASTER-MINDING THE OVERTHROWS  
OF GOVERNMENTS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, IT MUST BE TOLD  
IN A PLAIN LANGUAGE THAT ITS MACHINATIONS CANNOT SUCCEED HERE...

"WE HERE DO NOT WANT TO BE BOTHERED BY AMERICA'S  
HYSTERIA OVER THE INEVITABLE COLLAPSE OF AN ECONOMIC PRE-  
EMIENCE THAT WAS BUILT MAINLY ON THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN.

"WHAT WE WANT TO ASSERT HERE IS THAT NIGERIA SHOULD NOT  
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IN ANY WAY SUCCUMB TO THIS LATEST AMERICAN BLACKMAIL.

"AND AS A COUNTER-MEASURE WE SHOULD NOW DECLARE AMERICA A  
HOSTILE NATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO GIVE EFFECT TO  
THIS DECISION. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND  
AMERICAN NATIONALS IN NIGERIA MUST BE WATCHED..."

IDENTICAL LETTER ALSO CARRIED KWARA STATE DAILY NIGERIAN  
HERALD HEADED "NIGERIA SHOULDN'T SUCCUMB TO AMERICA'S BLACKMAIL:"  
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